

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00778-CJN**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/20/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/20/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>against Dep't of Commerce</i> against Cause of Action Institute ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6012230) filed by Cause of Action Institute. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Valvo, Russel) (Attachment 4 replaced on

		3/21/2019) (zef, ). (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by Cause of Action Institute (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee A. Steven on behalf of Cause of Action Institute (Steven, Lee) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/21/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/21/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/21/2019. (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/21/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/20/2019. (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 3/21/2019 (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>8</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/22/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
04/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on June 3, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the Initial Scheduling Conference on (1) whether any records can be released, and (2) the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/22/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
04/23/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: Initial Scheduling Conference set for 6/3/2019, at 10:00 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 04/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Initial Scheduling Conference</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's consent motion to continue initial scheduling conference <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The status conference set for June 3, 2019 is hereby VACATED and RESCHEDULED for June 17, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 21. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/24/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/24/2019		Set/Reset Hearings: The Initial Scheduling Conference set for 6/3/2019 is VACATED and RESCHEDULED for 6/17/2019, at 11:00 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
06/17/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Initial Scheduling Conference held on 6/17/2019. Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/22/2019; Plaintiff's Opposition and Cross Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/5/2019; Reply to Summary Judgment and Response to Cross Motion due by 8/19/2019; Reply to Cross Motion due by 8/26/2019. (Court Reporter: Janice Dickman.) (kt) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Ryan Patrick Mulvey on behalf of CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/24/2019)

07/19/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Summary Judgment Motion</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 07/19/2019)
07/19/2019	<u>13</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>12</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Summary Judgment Motion</i> filed by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Valvo, Russel) (Entered: 07/19/2019)
07/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The Court has received Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for an Extension of Time. The Court notes that Defendant's Motion fails to comply with paragraph 12 of the Standing Order <u>8</u> entered on March 22, 2019. It is nevertheless ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and that the deadlines (1) for Defendant's Summary Judgement Motion is extended to July 22, 2019; (2) for Plaintiff's Opposition and Cross-Motion is extended to August 5, 2019; (3) for Defendant's Opposition and Reply is extended to August 19, 2019; and (4) for Plaintiff's Reply is extended to August 26, 2019. The Court notes that future motions seeking to extend the briefing schedule will be disfavored. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 24, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 07/24/2019)